

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A spa cover system, comprising:
a spa cover; ~~and~~
a resilient gasket provided at a bottom of the spa cover;
wherein said gasket is a solid material without a hollow space; and
wherein a cross-section of said gasket includes a thicker portion at an inner edge of the
gasket and a thinner portion at an outer edge of said gasket.
2. (original): The spa cover system of claim 1, wherein the gasket is rubber.
3. (original): The spa cover system of claim 2, wherein the gasket is foam rubber.
4. (original): The spa cover system of claim 1, wherein the gasket is adhesively bonded to the bottom of the spa cover.
5. - 6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): The spa cover system of claim 1, further comprising a spa tub including a rim portion at a top of the spa tub, wherein said gasket is provided in a deformed manner between the spa ~~tub~~ cover and the rim portion.

8-10. (canceled).

11. (original): The spa cover system of claim 1, wherein said spa cover further comprises a first portion, a second portion, and a hinge provided at a top of said spa cover connecting said first portion and second portion.

12. (original): The spa cover system of claim 11, wherein:
an edge of said first portion of the spa cover and an edge of said second portion of said spa cover are provided adjacent to one another,
a space is provided between said edge of said first portion of the spa cover and said edge of said second portion, and
a part of said gasket is provided on said edge of said first portion and said edge of said second portion.

13. (original): The spa cover system of claim 12, further comprising a flap extending from said top of said spa cover into said space between said edge of said first portion and said edge of said second portion,
wherein a resilient flap gasket is provided at an end of said flap.

14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): The spa cover system of ~~claim 14~~claim 1, further comprising a spa tub including a rim portion at a top of the spa tub, wherein said gasket is provided in a deformed manner between the spa ~~tub~~cover and the rim portion and said outer edge of said gasket being provided at a position that is closer to an outside wall of said tub than said inner edge.

16. (original): The spa cover system of claim 1, wherein said spa cover includes:
a core insulating material; and
a cover material that surrounds the entire core insulating material, wherein the cover material includes a plurality of laminated, diverse waterproof layers.

17. (original): The spa cover of claim 16, wherein at least one of the plurality of laminated, diverse waterproof layers is a different material than at least one other of the plurality of laminated waterproof layers.

18. (original): The spa cover system of claim 17, wherein the cover material is a multi-layer PVDC resin.

19. (original): The spa cover system of claim 16, wherein at least one of the plurality of laminated, diverse waterproof layers is provided at a different orientation than at least one other of the plurality of laminated waterproof layers.

20. (original): The spa cover system of claim 19, wherein said different orientation is 90 degrees.

21. (canceled).

22. (original): The spa cover system of claim 1, wherein said cover is a multiple-piece cover.

23. (original): The spa cover system of claim 22, wherein said cover is a two-piece cover.

24. (original): The spa cover system of claim 23, where said cover includes a hinge.

25. (canceled).

26. (original): A spa cover, comprising:
a core insulating material; and

a cover material that surrounds the entire core insulating material, wherein the cover material includes a plurality of laminated, diverse waterproof layers.

27. (original): The spa cover of claim 26, wherein at least one of the plurality of laminated, diverse waterproof layers is a different material than at least one other of the plurality of laminated waterproof layers.

28. (original): The spa cover of claim 27, wherein the cover material is a multi-layer PVDC resin.

29. (original): The spa cover of claim 26, wherein at least one of the plurality of laminated, diverse waterproof layers is provided at a different orientation than at least one other of the plurality of laminated waterproof layers.

30. (original): The spa cover of claim 29, wherein said different orientation is 90 degrees.

31. (currently amended): A spa cover system, comprising:

a spa tub having a tub rim;

a spa cover; and

a resilient gasket interposed between said spa tub and said spa cover,

wherein said resilient gasket is provided at a bottom of the spa cover or at a top of the tub rim;

wherein said gasket is a solid material without a hollow space; and

wherein a cross-section of said gasket includes a thicker portion at an inner edge of the gasket and a thinner portion at an outer edge of said gasket.

32. (original): The spa cover system of claim 31, wherein the gasket is rubber.

33. (original): The spa cover system of claim 32, wherein the gasket is foam rubber.

34. (original): The spa cover system of claim 31, wherein the gasket is adhesively bonded to the bottom of the spa cover or to the top of the tub rim.

35. (canceled).

36. (original): The spa cover system of claim 31, wherein said cover is a one-piece cover.

37. (original): The spa cover system of claim 31, wherein said cover is a multiple-piece cover.

38. (original): The spa cover system of claim 37, wherein said cover is a two-piece cover.

39. (original): The spa cover system of claim 38, where said cover includes a hinge.

40. (canceled).